

June 23, 2004

Ms. Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
R. A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Hood:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1258, enacted during the 36th Session of the Legislature of Florida convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2004, and entitled:

An act relating to Workforce Development Education Programs . . .

In general, this bill modifies the allocation of workforce education funds when not specifically provided in the General Appropriations Act and requires the Department of Education to develop a funding process for school district workforce programs that comparable to community college workforce programs. Additionally, this bill revises and updates terminology relating to workforce education.

All substantive changes in this bill are included in House Bill 769, which I have already signed into law. Unfortunately, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1258 revises workforce education terminology that conflicts with revisions to workforce education terminology included in House Bill 769. Consequently, allowing both Committee Substitute Senate Bill 1258 and House Bill 769 to become law would create statutory inconsistencies.

For the technical reasons provided above, I am withholding my approval of Senate Bill 1258, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush